



Board Bulletin

January 9, 2015

Capital Projects Update

1. Emergency Radio System

- The final grading is complete and the stone base has been installed around the tower site, shelter and generator at Tuckertown. The fencing around the entire compound is scheduled for installation in mid to late February.
- The Locust tower has been fully constructed and the shelter and generator installation are both complete. The final civil work to include grading and stone installation will be complete by January 16. The compound fencing will also be installed the week of January 12. In the interim, a temporary chain link fence has been installed to help mitigate potential trespassing.
- The Norwood tower construction began on Tuesday, January 6. The shelter and generator will be delivered to the site on January 27. Final civil work and fence installation is scheduled for late February.

Please note an additional fence is being installed at the access road given the remote location of the tower site. This will help to protect the assets on site.

- The 911 console interfaces for the new radio system are currently being installed at the primary 911 center at the Courthouse. These new interface connections to the local and regional radio system will be tested in early February. Training is scheduled to occur in March. Engineers are still working to finalize plans for the console interface installation at the County's backup 911 center site, located at Stanly Regional.

2. Tarheel Challenge Academy

Staff visited the site late this week. Below is a general progress report:

- To date, no major concerns have arisen. The project is still progressing on schedule.
- The installation of metal studs for the walls in the dormitory building is on-going. It is anticipated the contractor will begin hanging sheetrock next week. The plumbing and CMU for the new restrooms has been completed.
- The new HVAC controls and duct work are currently being installed in the main classroom facility.

Property Tax Collections Update

As of December 31 the real property tax collection rate was 81.28%. This rate is 2.94 percentage points higher than the reported rate at the end of December 2013.

The motor vehicle tax collection rate continues to average over 99% as a result of the new "tax and tag together" program.

The County has collected \$24,391 via the NC debt setoff program for past due taxes in FY 14-15. As a means of comparison, the County collected \$15,882 via debt setoff during the same time period in FY 2013-2014. This is an \$8,509 (53.6%) increase.

NEMT Compliance Audit

Stanly County DSS and SCUSA performed very well on a recent non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) compliance audit conducted by the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Statewide a total of 3,150 trips were reviewed for potential recoupment or chargebacks from the State for billing or documentation errors.

A total of 8.1% (255 trips) had errors. Forty-three (43) counties experienced errors, including several neighboring counties. In fact, 1/3 of all trips reviewed in Montgomery and Davidson counties had errors. Stanly County did not have any billing or documentation errors leading to possible recoupment.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

MLK Holiday

January 19
County Offices Closed